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**PATENT**

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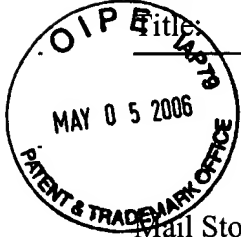
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**COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE and**  
**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312**

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In response to the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability mailed February 15, 2006, kindly consider the below comments and please amend as follows.

**COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The Notice of Allowance includes a statement of reasons for allowance. See Notice of Allowance page 2. The statement refers to the specification and a specific embodiment described in the specification. Applicant respectfully disputes that the presently allowed claims are limited to any particular embodiment in the specification. The claims stand on their own and along with equivalents define the scope of the patent protection.

Additionally, Applicant submits that the statement makes numerous assertions regarding the interpretations of limitations of the claims, the contents of the art and distinguishing features of the claims. Applicant has neither verified nor accepted the accuracy of these assertions, and respectfully submits that there may be different interpretations than those identified in the statement. Additionally, Applicant respectfully submits that the relevant claims may be allowable for one or more reasons in addition to and/or in alternative to those reasons identified in the statement. Applicant reserves the right to further address one or more aspects of the statement as may later be necessary or desirable.